

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, having a shortened statutory period set to expire June 23, 2006.

Information Disclosure Statement

At page 2 of the present Office Action, the Examiner has noted the absence of an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant is aware of no prior art that would motivate the submission of an Information Disclosure Statement.

Replacement Drawings

At page 2 of the present Office Action, the Examiner has objected to **Figure 3** and **Figure 4** due to shading in the figures. Applicant submits herewith a replacement sheet of **Figure 3** and **Figure 4**, in which no shading is used.

Title

At page 3 of the present Office Action, the Examiner has objected to the title of the application. Applicant has amended the title of the application to conform to proper practice.

Claim Objections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

At page 3 of the present Office Action, the Examiner has objected to Claims 10-18 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as his invention. Applicants have corrected this deficiency by amendment to Claims 10-18.

Allowable Subject Matter

At page 5 of the present office action, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 2, 7-9, 11, 16-18, 20 and 25-27 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Applicant has responded by canceling Claims 1, 10, and 19 and amending Claims 2, 11, and 20 into independent form. Applicant has amended all other pending claims to depend from the appropriate claim from among allowable Claims 2, 11, and 20.

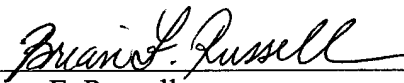
Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102

At page 4 of the present office action, the Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-6, 10, 12-15 and 19-24 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent # 6,580,515 to Li *et al.* (*Li*). Applicant believes that this rejection is rendered moot in light of the amendments made herein.

CONCLUSION

A one-month extension of time is requested herewith, and a check for \$120.00 is included. No further extension of time is believed to be necessary. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. No other fee is believed to be required to submit this amendment. However, in the event any fees are required, please charge **IBM CORPORATION'S Deposit Account No. 09-0449**.

Respectfully submitted,



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